

WAR SCARE

ENGLAND.

Land of pure women and brave men! Proud Mistress of Earth and Sea! I long for my native shores and cheer for thee— Home of the Great, the Good and Free, Where feudal rights are history's theme, And thralldom a forgotten dream, Where man may sleep beneath the shade Of equal laws to all mankind Lord of herself and all she hath, Free as the Wind; NONE DARE UPBraid, And beneath her Flag NONE ARE AFRAID. And should occasion require her Sons From East, West, North and South Will rally to her call, and they will do their duty.

THOS. W. FORWOOD, Kent Lodge, No. 3, Toronto. Dec. 24th, 1895.

ENGLISH NEWS FOR ENGLISHMEN.

There is an institution in London, supported by some of the influential business men, as well as the titled, to look after the maintenance, support, and welfare of Scotchmen in England, and is called the "Royal Scottish Corporation." On last St. Andrew's Day, in London, the 231st anniversary banquet was celebrated. The object of this national institution is, "that prosperous Scots in the metropolis should assist by temporary relief and pensions, others from the northern country who have come to London in the search for prosperity, failed, and become necessitous." This institution receives support and encouragement from Royalty, and prosperous business Scots, and is looked upon as an institution that deserves the support of all Scotchmen, who have been lucky enough to obtain enough of the siller, and to spare, and who willingly give of their contributions to assist their less-favoured brethren in London. The aid is given at the homes of the deserving, over £2,000 a year is spent in allowances and donations, and candidates for the pensions must be in receipt of an income of more than £15 per annum. They must be natives of Scotland, and have resided at least twelve years in London, and be over 65 years of age. This institution "was founded upon the petition of various merchants and artificers for the benefit of Scotch seamen, mechanics, labourers, and others in London, who were needy, and the Scotch colony in London, who were prosperous, took upon themselves the duty of looking after those other Scotchmen in metropolis who had fallen upon times of distress and misfortune." This is only an outline of what this prosperous Scottish corporation is doing for their unfortunate brethren from the north, and the men who compose this corporation deserve great credit for their noble benevolence, as well as acts of practical charity.

WHAT WE WANT

We want exactly this kind of an organization in Canada for Englishmen, as much as the above is required in London for Scotchmen. We have men in Canada, from old Albion's shores, and also women and children, who ought to be looked after in the same common-sense practical way as our brother Scots, namely: they should be assisted, and looked after "at their own homes." Practical hand-given charity, or assistance, and only by some kind-hearted brethren, is what is needed in every city and village in Canada, where our countrymen reside.

The idea of a pension, as given above, is to me a good one, and I only hope that a number of our wealthy English brethren, may take this hint, and at once start out on the same lines as our Scotch neighbours. Many can well afford to give a few or many dollars yearly for such a grand purpose, and have the honor to be their own executors before going hence. Scripture plainly points out to us the blessings the charitable shall receive. Why have bank stocks, shares, etc., and at the same time see a brother or sister in need? "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." I have plans whereby such a charitable institution could be started, and if a number of our richer brethren desire to make a

beginning, I shall be only too glad to furnish them with the information.

BRINGING IT HOME.

Since the opening of the new music hall in Toronto, I often think about our Auditorium on Queen street, and wonder what is to become of it. What is the Board of Management going to do with it? I know what I would do, if I was one of the Board. But as I am not, I shall not trespass on the grounds of others. It is a case of dollars and cents, and a merchant, or other business men would look at the matter in that light. Perhaps the subject will be discussed at that next meeting of our Grand Lodge. It is often said that it takes a surgical operation to make a Scotchman see a joke.

AGRICULTURE DEPRESSION.

I notice in my last mail from England that there is a great depression in the agricultural calling in England. The tenants are giving up their farms, finding it unprofitable to compete with Australia and other countries. Lord Salisbury may give relief, but there is so much red-tapeism, and commissions, etc., that one-half of the farmers may be out of their holdings, before anything better than promises turn up. As it is hundreds of farms are vacant, and the landlords are feeling rather uneasy under the circumstances. What will the landlord now do? His very large income and receipts from his ground-down tenants will suffer quite shrinkage, and his pleasure trips to Paris and the continent are sure to be consequently fewer. It is believed that the bankrupt courts will have many autographs of these gentry on their books before long.

TWO PICTURES.

At the Birmingham cattle show the total amount offered by the society in prize money was £3,025. Simultaneously with the cattle show, the dog show society exhibition was held at Cuzen Hall, and the total number of the money prizes and trophies offered was £2,200.

Under the heading of "sporting, or horse-racing intelligence," Rothschild is credited with receiving £20,749, and McCalmont received £15,011 this season. Sir J. Maple won £42,077, and Lord Roseberry £11,377; Houldsworth won £11,337 and Johnston £10,744. Many others are reported to have won from £10,000 to £20,000, at these races. When so much money has been won at the noble sport of horse-racing, then many persons must have lost. And this sort of amusement can go on year after year, and at the same time the work-houses are filled with both old and young, and many of the unfortunate classes have to lie under London Bridge for shelter, as well as in the lanes, streets, and slums, of the great metropolis.

"Rattle his bones over the stones, He is only a pauper, that nobody owns." JOHN M. WATSON, Dover Lodge, Gravenhurst.

In 1896.

What will the New Year bring to us? We cannot help but think, As with our eyes turned straight ahead, We stand upon its brink. Will men become more womanly, And women take to drink? Have bloomers really come to stay? Or shall we call a halt? Will there be servant girls with whom We cannot find a fault? Will funny men be humorous, And poets earn their salt? Will people still be slaughtered by The deadly trolley cars? Will wives continue to supply Their husbands with cigars? And will the questions that are popped Depend upon papas? Will kissing still be said to be A sanitary sin? Will fat men still pick out their wives Among the very thin? Will lacrosse be as popular? And which team's going to win? Will bathing suits be just as small? Will summer girls exist? Will each prize fighter use a tongue In place of a heavy fist? Will women still ask "What's the trump?" When they are playing whist? Will stages be obscured no more With hats the ladies wear? Will babies keep us up at nights, And teach us how to swear? Will lovers, as in '95, Use only one or n chair? Shall we go back to days of old? Are bustles to be worn? Will two and three instead of one Continue to be born? Will "Sweet Marie" and other songs Make countless thousands mourn?

We do not know. 'Tis hard to tell Just what, if we're alive, Will happen in this world of ours, Wherein we toil and mix. Let's welcome all the things that come, Here's to you, '96.

The brethren of Lodge Severn, Arrprior, have secured the beautiful grove of Mr. H. F. McLachlin for a picnic on the 24th of May. Why not arrange with the brethren of Ottawa, Brockville, Pembroke, Almonte, Carleton place and Smith's Falls, and have a union gathering of Englishmen on the 24th May?

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